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A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA

Dear Principle Chief A.D. Ellis:

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Bill Anoatubby, Governor Chickasaw Nation P.O. Box 1548 Ada, OK 74821

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA

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Buford L. Rolin, Chairman Poarch Creek Indians 5811 Jack Springs Road Atmore, AL 36502

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Chad "Corntassle" Smith, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation P.O. Box 948 Tahlequah, OK 74465

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA

Dear Principal Chief Chad "Corntassle" Smith:

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Donald W. Rodgers, Chief Catawba Indian Nation 996 Avenue of the Nations Rock Hill, SC 29730-7645

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George Wickliffe, Chief United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians P.O. Box 746 Tahlequah, OK 74465

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA

Dear Chief George Wickliffe:

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Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA

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SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA

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Mitchell Cypress, Tribal Chairman Seminole Tribe of Florida 6300 Stirling Road Hollywood, FL 33024

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Tarpie Yargee, Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town P.O. Box 187 Wetumka, Okla. 74883

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA

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The Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission and the National Park Service are committed to eliciting feedback about the management plan from Native Americans traditionally associated with the lands of the heritage corridor. We welcome the opportunity to learn about any traditional, cultural, or economic interests the Kialegee Tribal Town may have in the lands and how they may relate to the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor's rich history and culture.

I invite your tribe to participate in the development of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan. Please reply at your earliest convenience if you, or another tribal representative, desire to consult about the plan. Please direct your reply to Michael Allen at 1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482, by email Michael Allen@nps.gov or phone (843) 881-5516 Ext. 12.

Sincerely,

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A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

Dear Principle Chief A.D. Ellis:

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Bill Anoatubby, Governor Chickasaw Nation P.O. Box 1548 Ada, OK 74821

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Buford L. Rolin, Chairman Poarch Creek Indians 5811 Jack Springs Road Atmore, AL 36502

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

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Chad "Corntassle" Smith, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation P.O. Box 948 Tahlequah, OK 74465

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

Dear Principal Chief Chad "Corntassle" Smith:

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Donald W. Rodgers, Chief Catawba Indian Nation 996 Avenue of the Nations Rock Hill, SC 29730-7645

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

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George Scott, Mekko Thlopthlocco Tribal Town P.O. Box 188 Okemah, OK 74859

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

Dear Mekko George Scott:

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George Wickliffe, Chief United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians P.O. Box 746 Tahlequah, OK 74465

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

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Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

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Michell Hicks, Principal Chief Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians P.O. Box 460 Cherokee, NC 28719

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

Dear Principal Chief Michell Hicks:

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Mitchell Cypress, Tribal Chairman Seminole Tribe of Florida 6300 Stirling Road Hollywood, FL 33024

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Tarpie Yargee, Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town P.O. Box 187 Wetumka, Okla. 74883

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

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Tiger Hobia, Mekko Kialegee Tribal Town P.O. Box 332 Wetumka, OK 74883

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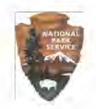
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APPENDIX G: CONSULTATION WITH STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS





February 1, 2010

Mr. Frederick Gaske, Acting State Historic Preservation Officer Division of Historical Resources R.A. Gray Building 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

SUBJECT: Development of a Management Plan for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor

Dear Mr. Gaske:

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With any questions, please feel free to contact me at Andrew Coburn@nps.gov or at 303-969-2725.

Sincerely.

Andrew Coburn



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May 25, 2010

Georgia State Historic Preservation Office Attn: Dr. David Crass, Director 254 Washington Street, SW – Ground Level Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Development of a Management Plan for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor

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Sincerely.

Andrew Coburn





February 1, 2010

North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office Attn: Dr. Jeffrey J. Crow 4617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4617

SUBJECT: Development of a Management Plan for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor

Dear Mr. Crow:

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South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office Attn: Dr. Rodger E. Stroup 8301 Parklane Rd. Columbia, South Carolina 29223

SUBJECT: Development of a Management Plan for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor

Dear Dr. Stroup:

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September 17, 2010

Florida State Historic Preservation Office Attn: Mrs. Barbara E. Mattick 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

Dear Mrs. Mattick:

As part of ongoing consultation regarding the Management Plan/Environmental Assessment for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, please find enclosed a newsletter outlining three preliminary alternatives for managing the corridor over the next 10 years.

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We would be happy to discuss the preliminary alternatives and answer any questions you may have. Please contact our National Park Service liaison, Michael Allen at your earliest convenience - 1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482; by email Michael Allen@nps.gov or phone (843) 881-5516 Ext. 12. More information about the corridor is available online www.nps.gov/guge.

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Georgia State Historic Preservation Office Attn: Dr. David Crass 254 Washington Street, SW Ground Level Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/EA - Preliminary Alternatives Newsletter

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APPENDIX G: ALL OTHER CONSULTATION





In reply refer to: **GUGE**

February 1, 2010

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region, Project Leader 1875 Century Boulevard Atlanta, Georgia 30345

SUBJECT: Request for Species List

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As the Natural Resource Specialist for this project, I am requesting a current list of federally listed plant and animal species that might occur within or in the vicinity of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, and designated critical habitat, if any, for such species. The states and respective counties included are:

Florida: St. Johns, Duvall, and Nassau

Georgia: Camden, Glynn, McIntosh, Liberty, Chatham, Charlton, Brantly, Wayne, Long, Bryan, and

Effingham

South Carolina: Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton, Colleton, Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Charleston,

Georgetown, Williamsburg, Horry, and Marion

North Carolina: Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Bladen, Columbus, and Onslow

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I appreciate your attention to this inquiry and look forward to working with your office throughout this planning effort. Please direct any responses to:

Christina Miller National Park Service (DSC-P) P.O. Box 25287 Denver, CO 80225-0287

Phone: (303) 969-2457

Email: Christina Miller@nps.gov





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February 1, 2010

North Carolina Department of Environment & Natural Resources 1601 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1601

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February 1, 2010

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Farris Bryant Building 620 S. Meridian Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

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APPENDIX G: RESPONSES RECEIVED

From: Kenneth_Graham@fws.gov

To: Christina_Miller@nps.gov

cc: Janet_Mizzi@fws.gov

Subject: Requests for county listed of endangered and threatened species and CH

Date: 02/17/2010 02:05 PM

Ms. Miller,

I received your letter asking for county species lists associated with development of a Management Plan for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. I wondered if you were aware that all these county lists are available online through our Fish and Wildlife Service internet links?

To access them, I recommend that you start by going to http://www.fws.gov/southeast/es/listing.htm. This is our Southeast Regional link for Ecological Services listing program. At the top of the page you will find links to Field Offices in various States. Select the State (or office in the case of Florida - you want the Jacksonville Office). On the left side of the page (generally), you will find a link to Federally listed species at both a State or County level. If critical habitat is designated in these counties, you will find this indicated on the county list as well. These would be the same links I would use if I were to obtain and provide the county lists to you.

If you have difficulties or would prefer a different procedure for this obtaining this information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (404) 679-7358 or by email at kenneth_graham@fws.gov. Please confirm that you successfully received this email. I look forward to assisting you in consulting under the Endangered Species Act.

Ken Graham



CHRIS CLARK COMMISSIONER DR DAVID CRASS DIVISION DIRECTOR

June 2, 2010

Andrew Coburn
Acting Project Manager
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Denver Service Center
P.O. Box 2587
Denver, Colorado 80225-0287
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RE: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan

Camden County, Georgia

HP-100527-001

Dear Mr. Coburn:

The Historic Preservation Division has received early coordination information regarding the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the National Park Service (NPS) in complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Thank you for submitting this information, and we look forward to working with you in the future as this project progresses. Please note that previous comments provided by our office concerning the development of a management plan for the Gullah National Heritage Area encouraged the NPS to include consideration of archaeological resources as well as structures and landscapes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (404) 651-6624 or via email at Elizabeth.shirk@dnr.state.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Shirk

Environmental Review Coordinator

From: Kammerer, Laura To: andrew coburn@nps.gov Cc: Mattick, Barbara; Stroh, Scott M. Subject: Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor

Date: 02/04/2010 02:32 PM

Dear Mr. Coburn,

Thank you for providing the notification of the preparation of the Gullah/Geechee management plan by the Denver Service Center. We look forward to assisting in this planning effort any way we can, and keep us informed of any public meetings in Florida.

Please note that Mr. Gaske is no longer the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer. Mr. Scott M. Stroh III was appointed to the position in November 2009. We will be sure to bring Mr. Stroh up to speed on the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, if that hasn't already happened.

Sincerely, Laura Kammerer

Laura A. Kammerer Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Review and Compliance

Division of Historical Resources 500 South Bronough Street - Room 423 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

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Please take a few minutes to provide feedback on the guality of service you received from our staff. The Florida Department of State values your feedback as a customer. Kurt Browning, Florida Secretary of State, is committed to continuously assessing and improving the level and quality of services provided to you. Simply click on the link to the "DOS Customer Satisfaction Survey." Thank you in advance for your participation. DOS Customer Satisfaction Survey

From: <u>Gruver, Brad</u>

To: christina_miller@nps.gov

Subject: Gullah-Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (GUGE)

Date: 03/12/2010 08:54 AM

Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you for your 01 February 2010 letter informing us of the Gullah-Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor project.

You requested a current list of State-listed species that may occur in St. Johns, Duval, and Nassau counties. The current list of State-listed species is available at http://myfwc.com/docs/WildlifeHabitats/Threatened_Endangered_Species.pdf. We do not have a list of such species by county. However, you may be able to obtain that information from the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (850-224-8207, www.fnai.org). You also may be able to obtain information on conservation lands, wildlife management areas, or critical wildlife areas within your area of interest by emailing a request to gisrequests@myfwc.com.

Please feel free to contact me if you need more information or have questions.

Bradley J. Gruver, Ph.D. Species Conservation Planning Section Division of Habitat and Species Conservation Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 850-488-3831